

County Commission Report

Heber Requests Councilman on

With the support of the Heber City Council, Mayor Gordon Mendenhall last week submitted to the Wasatch County Commission the name of Councilman Bob Monis to replace Dr. Rex Whiting on the Heber Valley Sewage Disposal Special Service District Board, Whiting's term expired last month.

If the Commission approves the recommendation there will be three Heber Councilman on the Board. Councilmen Scott Wright and Keith Jacobson presently sit on the Board. Whiting was appointed by the Commission, but recommended by Heber. According to past procedures, the person chosen for the seat in question is to be an atlarge member, recommended by the Cary and appointed by the Cary and appointed by the County.

The City Council authorized Mendenhall to request that a Councilmen, who is elected to represent the public, should be on the Board, rather than a private citizen who is not necessarily citizen who is not necessarily accountable to the public. Mendenhall said he could find no

He further stated that question is to represer County and is not neces a Heber City resident, agreement, he said.

Chairman Moroni E said the Commissioners to read all the officiall documents and consult Attorney oxfore making on the matter.

Metro Utal

Besendorfer as Commissioners whether County should corparticipate in the Meconomic deve organization. Commissioner Provost said he didn't was much advantage to Commissioner Peterecommended that the County's economic decommittee for recommendation before decision.

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Sewer Board Decides To Discuss Mayflower Contract One More Time

The Heber Valley Sewage Dis- had put an escalation clause into the ers of the Mayflower Recreational he had not objected. Community, seven miles north of Heber City.

Discussions between the Board and the developers last week were congenial and both sides expressed optimism that they had agreed to terms. Near the end of the niceting, Midway Mayor Gene Probst. Chairman of the Board, said, "Maybe we can get this [contract] signed and sealed within the next 30 days."

Both sides agree that an inflationary clause should be added to the contract. Mayflower has agreed to a \$1.4 million impact fee plus a \$1.4 million expansion fee. The Board wants to be sure that when a and to added to the system because

posal Special Service District Board | contract that would compensate for plans to meet one more time to inflation, but that the Board had discuss and hopefully finalize its objected to it. Midway Mayor Gene pending contract with the develop- Probst, Chairman of the Board, said

> Smedley proposed a limited but renewable contract that could be renegotiated at the time it expires. He objected to Mayflower having first right of refusal for the treatment plant's capacity, without binding the contract with any топсу.

> "The whole world would like first right of refusal, at someone clse's expense," he said.

> He said Mayflower continually skirts the time issue. He assured Smay and Bogerd that the District wants to cooperate and asked what

they would consider a reasonable time limit.

Smay admitted Mayflower had to skirt the issue because it was impossible to set a date when construction would begin and, until it can be set, the financing is not in place. Therefore, Mayflower doesn't have the first \$1.4 million it has agreed to pay,

On the other hand, he explained. Mayflower needs a commitment from the District in order to get and keep the interest of the potential investors. He said the developers have to be able to show investors they can get services and put the project together. He said even though there would be the potential of losing out to another developer, the 90-day notice clause is included.

Mayflower could take siens to preserve its option, difficult as it might be. That would give Mayflower enough control to satisfy investors.

Then he pointed out that an open-ended contract would bind Mayflower to connecting to the Heber Valley system, even if a better deal were to come along. However, the contract draft presently being considered states: "This agreement shall terminate and be of no further force and effect if Mayflower notifies Heber Valley. prior to commencement of construction of the Resort, that service will not be required."

Bogerd said Mayflower had already paid \$250,000 for the recent Continued on Page 3A Sewer Board ... 1-25-89

Continued from Page 1A investigation and report on the tailings ponds at the resort site. He raid that large an investment was "not for nothing."

Heber City Councilman Scott Wright, a member of the Board, said that when Mayflower buys into the system it will help relieve the financial burden on the other users. The sooner Mayflower puts up its money, the sooner the relief, and the sooner the cost would go down for others who join the system. Therefore, the time factor is important to the District, he said.

Smedley said Wright's point was "well-taken" because \$1.4 million would not likely be worth as much to the District in ten or fifteen years as it would be in five years, Therefore, he requested an inflationary clause, which Smay agreed should be included.

However, Smay said that, on the other hand, a depreciated item costs

less, inferring that capacity in the system would be worth less as time passes. He said that would have to be accounted for in the inflationary clause. But Smedley assured him the sewage treatment plant would never become obsolete and depreciation does not apply in this

In an attempt to pin down Smay and Bogerd to at least a guess about when construction would begin, Smedley asked them to pretend they were doing something like guessing the scores on the Super Bowl and, in that context, to make their best guess about when construction will actually begin.

Bogerd said he would guess three years, if the failings problem can be resolved appealily and things generally go smoothly.

Smay said he would guess between three and six years.

Official nominated to board

By SONNI SCHWINN
Heber City Correspondent
HEBER CITY — Heber Councilman Bob Morris has been nominated to replace Dr. Rex Whiting on the Heber Valley Sewage Disposal Special Service District Board. Whiting's term expired last month.

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Mayor Gordon Mendenhall said that according to past procedures, the person chosen for the seat in question is to be an at-large member, recommended by the city and appointed by the county.

The city council authorized Mendenhall to request that its third representative be a councilman who is elected to represent the public, rather than a private citizen who is not necessarily accountable to the public. Mendenhall said he could find no documentation stating that a third Heber Councilman could not serve on the board.

Mendenhall, who is the secretary of the board, reviewed the history of the district organization and board, exhibiting documents dating back to 1974. He pointed out that Midway. Charleston and the county are each represented by one board member and said Heber City had insisted on three representatives from the beginning. He said Heber uses the largest share of the capacity of the ewage treatment plant and, prefore was entitled to three resentatives. He presented ral documents which would of the makeup of the but said none had been in by the participating ci-120 county.

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Waste Waste

construction materials, fencing, care of before the landfill is opened, but he didn't think it would take Wasatch County Commission metals, furniture and appliances, more than a few weeks. He said a few details must be taken aRen Provost announced Monday. A landfill site has been selected six days a week, to prevent disposal 10-18-89

to industrial. He said there also may over the site, and may require of Transportation has jurisdiction be other requirements, like a sightrezoning the land from commercial the highway, the Utah Department on the north side of U.S. 40, where Telder Battmosco because it is within 1,000 feet of there is already a hole used mainly for junk automobiles. Provost said The site is at about 2000 South

guarded, probably 10 hours a day, He said the lendfill will be

for bulky waste only, like of putrid, toxic, or other illegal

Emergency Garage Wallsburg

and \$27,000. expected to cost between \$25,000 sioner Moroni Besendorfer said is metal building, which Commis-Town already has \$15,000 for the emergency services garage. The to help Wallsburg construct an voted unanimously to provide funds The County Commissioners

old ambulance and a former wildtown. It will house the County's constructed on a lot owned by the The three-bay building is being companies, will be required to pay a commercial users, like construction the landfill free-of-charge, but waste, and the dumped material will Private County citizens may use be continually covered with dirt.

can respond to emergencies. EMT's living in Wallsburg will respond in will have to be trained. the ambulance, but local firefighters firefighting and medical equipment for first responses until County land fire truck, which can be used

properly protected. He said the county also needs to help other dewith the building, but that it is facilities. response emergency equipment and eas around the County, with first important for the equipment to be have to "juggle" some funds to help Besendorfer said the County will

Recreational Surveys

An intern from Brigham Young University, Tony Millward, has been blired to determine the make recommendations, sponsored County's recreational needs and

Wasatch County studies sewage disposal, treatment

By SONNI SCHWINN Heber City Correspondent

HEBER CITY - The Wasatch County Commission is studying some preliminary proposals for planning sewage disposal and treatment for all the public and private development around the Jordanelle Reservoir. They said they would decide by next Monday whether or not to appoint a steering committee to study the problems and recommend solutions.

Bob Mathis, county planner, recommended the committee and suggested that all the Jordanelle developers and the State Division of Parks and Recreation be represented. They would study and identify alternatives for disposing of sewage without any on-site sewage disposal in the reservoir area.

Mathis said the developers should define the parameters of a sewage disposal plan and determine among themselves what would be fair. He said he was prepared to recommend members for the committee, and that anyone who is interested in participating should contact the commission.

At the county's insistence, the Jordanelle State Park Master Plan includes sewer lines in almost all park facilities, and the county is further insisting that all private developments install sewer lines. However, Mathis pointed out that each proposed development has individual problems to consider and different construction schedules that must be met.

The commissioners said they wanted to study the issues, consult

al project, on the west side of the reservoir, recently reached an agreement for the project to transport Mayflower's sewage to the Heber treatment plant. Steve Noyes, representing the Bureau of Reclamation, which will build a State Park in the area, said the plan is for the park to hook onto Mayflower's trunkline and share the costs.

Walter Baker, manager of the construction assistance section for the State Bureau of Water Pollution Control, said other Jordanelle developments might also use the treatment plants at Snyderville and Francis.

He explained that this is the last year grant money is available, but the Federal government provides funds for the State to make loans. for up to 20 years at interest rates from zero to the market rate. Since the county will not contribute tax money for private development, there would have to be a formal commitment from the developers, possibly through a special service district, to repay any loans.

First the county must "lay down a blueprint," Baker told the commission. That would include about the same steps as have been required for grants, including studying alternatives, water quality and environmental protection, determining the most cost effective alternative, identifying the players, and estimating costs.

He said since there is no political organization in the area yet, the most logical approach would be for

Commission OKs study of waste plan

11-15-89 By SONNI SCHWINN Herald Correspondent

HEBER CITY - The Wasatch County Commission has given approval to advertise for bids for a study of the Jordanelle Basin and preparing a preliminary plan for management of waste water in the basin.

Walt Baker, of the State Bureau of Water Pollution Control, described the county's participation as a "catalyst" and said no county funds would be required for the study. He said the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has "manifested an interest in providing the up front monies for this planning."

He said it would be premature for the contract to include design and construction because neither private nor public development plans in the Jordanelle area are not well enough defined yet. He said he was calling a meeting with the Bureau, the State Division of Parks and Recreation, and the Wasatch County planner to discuss "where we go from here."

The commissioners said they would discuss the matter further next, Monday.

with the county attorney, and de the county to initiate the planning cide what their own role should be process. That would include hiring also recognized the urgency of deciding on a plan because some developers expect to begin building by next spring.

County officials particularly want to avoid any type of septic tanks in the area, which could set a precedent for others who would prefer for the State Park's share of any

opers of the Mayflower Recreation- begin, Noyes said.

an engineer, for as much as \$50,000 or more, until the users make a formal commitment and organize a committee to steer the operation and repay the intitial costs. The idea is for the county to act as a catalyst, Baker said.

on-site solutions for their sewage studies, engineering, or construction. But its share would be imme-The Heber District and the devel- diately available so the work could

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Clyde Montgomery

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